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Hq. 12th Army Group

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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000 LIBRARY
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,000,000 JUNIOR
(Situation Map attached). SERIAL RECORDS

1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

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BOUNDARY CHANGES:

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Temporary operational boundary between Seventh and Third Armies: As before to GR. GERAU M5347 thence to MORFELDEN M5953 - LANGEN M6755 - DIETZENBACH M7457 - HAINHAUSEN M8160 - HANAU M8471 - GELNHAUSEN N0379 (all incl to Third Army).

Operational boundary between First and Fifteenth Armies: German-Belgian border K9131 - KORNELIMUNSTER K9038 - SCHEVENHUTTE F0042 - road to LANGERWEHE F0347 (all incl Fifteenth Army) - DUREN F1246 - ESCHWEILER F1946 - LECHENICCI F3245 - WEILERSWIST F3740 - HEIMERZHEIM F4136 - WALDORF F4440 - BORNHEIM F4741 - road to junction with RHINE River F5042 (all incl First Army).

Operational boundary between Fifteenth and Ninth Armies: Dutch-German frontier K9084 - WEGBERG K9783 - RHEINDAHLLEN F0384 - thence east along general line to WICKRATH F0782 - north to GIESENKIRCHEN F1284 - north to TRIET River at F1487 - along east bank of river to F1691 - north to F1695 - east to RHINE River F3095.

Boundary between XII and XX Corps: Junction of MAIN River and RHINE River M4055 - MAIN River to M7269 - DORTELWEIL M7279 - OKARBEN M7284 (all incl to XX Corps) - ILBENSTADT M7567 - STADEN M8393 - BAD SALZHAUSEN G8802 - SCHOTTEN G9812 - REBGESHAHN H0620 - DIRLAMMEN H1024 - HEBLOS H1428 - UDENHAUSEN H2036 - NIEDERAULA H3146 - HERSFELD H3853 (all incl XII Corps).

Boundary between XX and VIII Corps: BINGEN M1152 - along RHINE River to ELTVILLE M2758 - SCHLANGENBAD M2666 - WEHEN M3272 - OBERSEELBACH M4076 - ANSPACH M5588 (all incl VIII Corps) - WEHRHEIM M5989 - PFAFFENWIESBACH M6292 - FAUERBACH M6499 - BUTZBACH G6604 (all incl to XY Corps) - G6443.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

6TH ARMY GROUP. (291200A). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. I French Corps and II French Corps. No change.

SEVENTH ARMY. 70th Division and 13th Armored Division. Assigned to Third Army.

VI Corps. 103d Division. Moved north of SPEYER R5080 and relieved the 71st Division along the RHINE River from R5279 north to M4904. The division was relieved from attachment to VI Corps at 291200A and placed under control of Seventh Army. 71st Division. Assigned to Third Army and commenced movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of R4790. 36th Division. Relieved from attachment to VI Corps and reverted to Seventh Army command at 291200A.

XI Corps. 10th Armored Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of M5605. The division reconnaissance squadron advanced southeast along the NECKAR River to HEIDELBERG R6990. 63d Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of M5810 and commenced the relief of the 44th Division.

XV Corps. 44th Division. Advanced two and one-half miles on a ten-mile front. Captured MANNHEIM R5298, LADBURG R6397 and LEUTERSHAUSEN R6700. Front line change: R5594 - R5698 - R6097 - R6296 - LADBURG R6397 - LEUTERSHAUSEN M6700. 12th Armored Division. Combat Command "B" advanced ten miles east and reached M8505. Combat Command "A" gained six miles and reached M8515. Front line change: M8505 - M8515. 3d Division. Advanced up to six miles on a twelve-mile front. Crossed the WEIN Brook and established a bridgehead over the river in the vicinity of M9032. Front line change: M8220 - M8221 - M8125 - M8527 - M9132. 45th Division. The 157th Infantry continued fighting in ASCHAFFENBURG N0154 and SCHWEINHEIM N0252.

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The 179th Infantry crossed the MAIN River and advanced north to N0249. The 180th Infantry held the line of the MAIN River from N0139 to N0243. Front line change: N0239 - N0243 - N0249 - SCHWEINHEIM N0252.

21 ARMY GROUP. NINTH US ARMY. (292400A). XIX Corps. 2d Armored Division. Assembled in the vicinity of A3644.

XIII Corps. 95th Division. Relieved the 113th Cavalry Group on the southern flank of the corps.

XVI Corps. 79th Division. Captured STERKRADE A3824 and advanced two miles to the line of the RHEIN-HERNE Canal from A3519 to A3922 against light resistance. 35th Division. Advanced up to two and one-half miles on a seven-mile front against moderate resistance. Captured KLOSTERHAEGT A3925 and GLADBECK A4831. Front line change: A4024 - A4025 - A4126 - A4226 - A4227 - A4428 - A4729 - A4830 - A4930 - A4831. 8th Armored Division. (With the 290th Inf atchd). Advanced up to three miles on a five-mile front against determined resistance. Captured FELDHAUSEN A4735 and DORSTEN A4640 after house-to-house fighting in the towns. Front line change: A5032 - A5133 - A5134 - A5036 - A4936 - A5139 - DORSTEN A4640. 75th Division. (Less the 290th Inf). Commenced movement across the RHINE River. 29th Division. Relieved from attachment to XIX Corps and attached to XVI Corps.

SECOND BRITISH ARMY. XVIII US Airborne Corps. 6th British Airborne Division and the 6th Guards Tank Brigade (with 513th Prcht Inf atchd). Were attached to VIII Corps. 17th US Airborne Division. (Less 513th Prcht Inf). Was attached to XIX Corps.

VIII Corps. 6th Guards Tank Brigade. (With 513th Prcht Inf atchd). Reached BULDERN A7463 where house-to-house fighting against moderate resistance took place. 6th British Airborne Division. Advanced fifteen miles on a five-mile front and captured COESFELD A6172 against light resistance. Front line change: A5964 - COESFELD A6172 - A5368. 11th Armored Division. Attached to VIII Corps. Advanced fifteen miles northeast on a narrow front from the vicinity of HELDEN A4459. GESCHER A4973 was captured after heavy fighting, otherwise little resistance was encountered. Front line change: A5271 - A5979 - GESCHER A4973.

XII Corps. 7th Armored Division. (With 157th Bde atchd). Advanced up to nine miles on a ten-mile front against light resistance. Captured ODING A3671 and reached STADTLOHN A4377. Front line change: STADTLOHN A4377 - ODING A3671 - A3070. 53d Division. (With 4th Armd Bde atchd). Captured RHEDE A2860 and BOCHOLT A2260 against light opposition. Front line change: A2967 - BOCHOLT A2260.

XXX Corps. Guards Armored Division. Passed through the 3d British Division and advanced six miles on a two-mile front against light resistance. Front line change: AALTEN A2070 - A1766. 3d British Division. Advanced behind the Guards Armored Division. 43d Division. Advanced one mile on a one-mile front. Front line change: A1265 - A1165.

II Canadian Corps. 2d Canadian Division. Occupied NETTERDEN A0263 against no opposition. 3d Canadian Division. Captured EMMERICH E9760 against light opposition.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. I Canadian Corps and I British Corps. No change.

AIR. (29 March). Eighth and Ninth Air Forces: No operations due to adverse weather conditions.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: Light intermittent rain and showers. Clouds: Overcast. Visibility: 2 to 4 miles at dawn, improving locally to 3 to 6 miles by noon. Wind: 20 mph, west. Temperatures at NAMUR: Maximum 59° F. Minimum 41° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

12TH ARMY GROUP. 66th Division. No change.

THIRD ARMY. 70th Division and 13th Armored Division. No change.

XII Corps. 2d Cavalry Group. Assembled in the vicinity of BABENHAUSEN M8752. Then relieved units of the 26th Division southeast of HANAU M8471. 26th Division. Relieved in the vicinity of SCHWEINHEIM NO252 by units of the 45th Division (Seventh US Army). The 101st Infantry Regiment advanced two miles northeast through the FORST WOLFGANG M9069 and repulsed numerous counterattacks without loss of ground. Units of the 328th Infantry Regiment moved to the vicinity of M8671 and M8873. Front line change: M9260 - M9461 - M9171. 11th Armored Division. Combat Command "A" advanced six miles northeast and reached ROTENBERGEN M9878 against strong opposition. Combat Command "B" advanced to the vicinity of M9380. Combat Command "R" followed the advance of Combat Command "B" and moved to the vicinity of M8975. Front line change: ROTENBERGEN M9878 - M9380. 4th Armored Division. (With the 359th Inf atchd). Units advanced six miles east and reached HERBSTEIN H1419 against light resistance. Other units maintained positions in LAUTERBACH H1727. The 359th Infantry Regiment moved to ALTENSTADT M8688 and advanced to the vicinity of M9193. Front line change: M9193 - M8596 and ULRICHSTEIN H0320 - HERBSTEIN H1419 - LAUTERBACH H1727. 90th Division. The 359th Infantry Regiment was motorized and attached to the 4th Armored Division. The 90th Division followed the advance of the 4th Armored Division with units at WINDECKEN M8181, KILIANSTADTEN M7978 and in the vicinity of M8784 and M7885. Contact was established with units of the XX Corps in the vicinity of BERGEN M7273. 71st Division. Completed movement to the corps area.

XX Corps. A treadway bridge was completed at MAINZ M3856. 6th Armored Division. (With the 261st and 318th Inf Regts atchd). Advanced twenty-two miles against scattered and disorganized resistance with forward units at H0437 and G9233. 80th Division. Mopped up against disorganized resistance from small and isolated pockets. The 318th Infantry Regiment was motorized and attached to the 6th Armored Division and commenced movement to the vicinity of G7217. The 317th Infantry Regiment closed in the vicinity of WIESBADEN M3564. Units of the 319th Infantry Regiment moved to the vicinity of M5277. 5th Division. Cleared all remaining organized resistance from FRANKFURT M6769. 65th Division. The 261st Infantry Regiment was attached to the 6th Armored Division and closed in the vicinity of G7217. 3d Cavalry Group. Swept the area north of FRANKFURT M6769 and advanced twenty miles to KALBACH M6477 and to the vicinity of M7481 and M7282.

VIII Corps. 80th Division. Continued to clear resistance from the area southwest of WIESBADEN M3564. Units advanced east through the HINTER WALD H1464 and captured AULHAUSEN M1155, HAUSEN M2265, ERBACH M2558, NEUDORF M2761, SEITZENHAIN M2769 and WEHEN M3272. Front line change: ERBACH M2555 - NEUDORF M2761 - M2664 - M2667 - SEITZENHAIN M2769 - WEHEN M3272. 76th Division. Continued to mop up isolated and scattered pockets of resistance. Units moved to the vicinity of M4683 and M4889. The 80th Division was contacted in the vicinity of M4073. Front line change: M3276 - M3975. 87th Division. Mopped up scattered pockets of opposition and advanced seventeen miles northeast against light resistance to LANG-GONS G6511. Other units at DIEZ M1096, WEILMUNSTER G4504, the vicinity of M3593 and M3799. 6th Cavalry Group. Swept twenty miles northeast to GROSSEN-LINDEN G6415 and mopped up in the area.

FIRST ARMY. V Corps. 9th Armored Division. (With the 38th Inf atchd). Attacked against light and scattered resistance and advanced thirty-one miles northeast. Units captured TREYSA H0253 and reached the vicinity of G9067. Combat Command "R" moved to the vicinity of G6213. Front line change: G9142 - TREYSA H0258 - G9067. 2d Division. (Less the 38th Inf). Followed the advance of the 9th Armored Division and mopped up against scattered resistance. Units also in the vicinity of G6620 and G4707. 69th Division. Mopped up scattered resistance in the division zone north of the LAHN River.

III Corps. 7th Armored Division. Advanced ten miles north against increased resistance. At 0800A the division had captured KIRCHHAIN G8347 and reached GEMUNDEN G8664. Combat Command "A" closed in the vicinity of G7441. Front line change: GEMUNDEN G8664 - G8071. 8th Division. Mopped up scattered resistance in the division zone in the vicinity of the LAHN River. Then followed in close support of the advance of the 9th Armored Division. 99th Division. Mopped up isolated resistance in the division zone adjacent to the LAHN River. The division then

followed the advance of the 9th Armored Division. 28th Division. Crossed the RHINE River and commenced to assemble in the vicinity of FRIEKHOFEN G2012.

VII Corps. 3d Armored Division. (With the 414th Inf atchd). Advanced thirty miles north and west against light and scattered resistance. At 0935A units had entered BRILON B5811, GIERSHAGEN B7612 and reached the vicinity of B6630 and B7732. Front line change: B8202 - GIERSHAGEN B7612 - B7732 - B6630 - B5811 - G5495 - G4467. 104th Division. (Less the 414th Inf). Advanced rapidly in close support of the 3d Armored Division. Units were in the vicinity of G6963, G7172 and G7474. Front line change: G7474 and G4758 - G3646. 1st Division. Attacked against moderate resistance and advanced five miles north toward SIEGEN G2053. Front line change: G3347 - G2247. 8th Division. Mopped up against light resistance and then continued the attack and advanced two miles north. The 28th Infantry Regiment relieved units of the 1st Division along the line G0040 - G0541 - G0441 - F0941. Front line change: G2048 - G1446 - G1043 - along SIEG River to F0942. 78th Division. Continued to defend the line of the SIEG River. Relieved units of the 4th Cavalry Group along the SIEG River F0841 to F08544. 86th Division. Maintained defenses west of the RHINE River in the COLOGNE F4450 area. Then relieved units of the 8th Division that remained west of the RHINE River. The division passed to the control of the XXII Corps at 1200A.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. Assumed command and responsibility of the west bank of the RHINE River within the army zone at 1200A. 94th, 97th, 106th, 16th Armored, 20th Armored Divisions and XXIII Corps. All no change.

XXII Corps. Assumed responsibility for the Fifteenth Army zone and operational control of the 86th Division and the 95th Division (less the 377th Inf) at 1200A.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 292400A).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
12th Army Group Battle	66,284	270,777	35,493	9,352	381,906
Non-battle					284,281
Total Casualties					666,187

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

6th Army Group: XV Corps BENSHEIM M6321; II French Corps BRUMATH Q9814; 3d Division M6516; 44th Division M6301; 45th Division M6325; 63d Division M5611; 10th Armored Division M5403; 12th Armored Division M6017.

21 Army Group: VIII Corps A3949; XXX Corps A0653; XVIII US Airborne Corps A3141; 75th US Division A3330; 15th Division A1350; 52d Division A1647; 53d Division A2261; 3d British Division A0852; 2d Canadian Division A0657; 3d Canadian Division A0359; 8th US Armored Division A4334; 11th Armored Division A5271; Guards Armored Division E9942; 6th British Airborne Division A3949.

12th Army Group: First Army Tac FREILINGEN G0717; First Army Main BAD GODESBERG F5932; III Corps ERDA G5531; V Corps WEILBURG G3709; VII Corps MARBURG G7245; VIII Corps BOGEL M0476; XII Corps OFFENBACH M7467; 1st Division G3139; 2d Division HADAMAR G2205; 9th Division G6132; 80th Division WIESBADEN M3564; 87th Division ALTENDORF M1785; 89th Division RAD SCHWALBACH M2371; 99th Division G6225; 104th Division G5951; 3d Armored Division G6578; 6th Armored STEINBACH G7317; 7th Armored Division G7335; 9th Armored Division G5914.

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